

WASHINGTON – Congressman John W. Olver (1st District) announced today that the U.S. Department of Justice has awarded a grant of \$80,100 to the Gardner Fire Department.

"This new equipment will play a vital role in maintaining the safety of both the firefighters and the residents of Gardner," said Olver.

The grant was awarded to Gardner through the 2003 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program, a program that provides grants to fire departments across the country.

Gardner is one of 402 departments across the country to receive funding under the 12th round of the program.

These awards will be used to increase the effectiveness of firefighting operations, fund firefighter health and safety programs, and purchase new equipment.

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